

James has shown his compassion and caring for the families who lost loved ones and cherished friends. It is that caring that Chief Daugherty will be remembered for by the entire Hernando County community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ERWINE
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING THE LEADERSHIP
WILKES-BARRE DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Mary Erwine, president of Erwine Home Health and Hospice, Inc., who is the 2006 recipient of Leadership Wilkes-Barre's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ms. Erwine will be honored at the 25th annual Leadership Wilkes-Barre dinner to be held on Thursday, June 8. She was chosen for this award because of her commitment and dedication to the community and her ongoing support of Leadership Wilkes-Barre and its programs.

Ms. Erwine founded Erwine's Home Care in 1993 and expanded with the addition of Erwine's Private Health Care in 1995.

Under her leadership and professional training, the company has grown from three employees to more than 100. Her company serves patients in five Pennsylvania counties.

In 2005, she added a hospice division to afford patients continuity of care.

Her community involvement includes participating in organizations such as the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind, St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Osterhout Library, Circle 200, Pennsylvania Council on Aging, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Fundraising, Executive Women's Council, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, National Association of Millennium Circle Fund of the Luzerne Foundation, College Misericordia Advisory Council, PNC Bank Northeast Region Advisory Board, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania Corporate Board, Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the Greater Wyoming Valley Leadership Forum.

Ms. Erwine has also been the recipient of several awards including the Athena Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; Quality of Life Advocacy Award from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Arthritis Foundation; Benefactor Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind; Distinguished Career in Nursing Administration Alumni Award from College Misericordia; Community Leaders of the Year Spirit of Business and Industry Award from the Arthritis Foundation and the 25th Anniversary Star Award from Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mary Erwine on this auspicious occasion. Her entrepreneurial spirit and her devo-

tion to community service have helped to improve the quality of life in the entire region.

HONORING JET CLEANERS AS
THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Amore Family as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet Cleaners—the family owned and operated laundry and dry cleaning business which has become a local landmark in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. In August of 1956 came the opening of an innovative new laundry service which offered the families of New Haven 1-hour service. Gracing the outside of the new store was a high-tech neon sign and behind the counter customers would find Nicholas, Michael and Vincent ("Jim") Amore—Jet Cleaners, aptly named for the fast service customers would come to know, was open for business.

After operating the Chapel Laundry and Dry Cleaners for twenty-seven years, Nicholas Amore and his two sons opened Jet Cleaners with the vision of bringing fast, efficient service to their customers. Built on the corner of State and Trumbull Streets in downtown New Haven, Jet Cleaners would quickly become known for their dedication and vision. The Amore family were well known for looking to the future, so it was no surprise when they ensured they would be able to expand their business by leasing the adjacent space and purchasing the property across the street from the original plant. In the leased space, the Amores established the largest coin laundry in New Haven with 40 washers and twenty dryers.

As the business continued to expand, Nicholas, Michael, and Vincent looked to build a larger plant in a new location across the street. Though founder Nicholas Amore would not see the opening of the new store, Jet Cleaners moved to its new home in 1966 where it continues to stand today. Family, friends, and customers brought a variety of plants to celebrate the opening of the new store which were placed in the counter area in front of the two large plateglass windows. Over the years, customers have left more and more plants and a large dracaena was even rescued from a local pub. Thriving in the steam-filled environment, their collection of greenery soon became the trademark of Jet Cleaners.

Three generations later, Jet Cleaners is still owned and operated by the Amore family. Michael Amore's sons, Mike, Jr. and Douglas took over operation in 1998 and continue the family's legacy. Customers of Jet Cleaners can experience the small touches each generation has made to the store. Today you still find the same dedication to fast, efficient customer service, the array of beautiful plants still meet customers as they enter the store, and Mike, Jr. and Douglas have continued to expand the business branching out into wholesale markets and becoming the first area dry

cleaner to offer credit and debit card service. They have even opened a satellite store in Cheshire. Perhaps the most special contribution Mike, Jr. and Douglas have made is that which gives back to the community. In 1995, Jet Cleaners joined with WTNH Channel 8 to promote a Holiday Coat Drive which became the catalyst for future coat drives and a number of community service activities.

I have always believed that our small businesses are the backbone of our economies. Jet Cleaners is a shining example of all that our small businesses can contribute—they not only provide a service to their customers, but dedicate themselves to making our community a better place to live and work. Today, as the Amore family and the New Haven community celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet cleaners, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this very special occasion and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to them for all that they have brought to our community.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN MAGYAR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my close friend Stephen Magyar. Steve passed away in Monterey on March 29 after a long life full of accomplishments and service to his community. He was known as an outgoing and friendly man, the first to greet you on the street and always ready to tell a good story or funny joke.

Steve grew up in Detroit and stayed there until he enlisted in the Army to fight in the Second World War. He left the snow of Detroit to serve in the heat of the Pacific at Christmas Island. After the war he was stationed at Camp Callan north of La Jolla, CA, where, after being pressured to go on a blind date, he met a girl named Peggy. This girl became the love of his life for the next 62 years. His last stop as an active duty member of the U.S. Army was in my district at Fort Ord.

He retired from the Army 20 years later and moved on to his own business, the Stephen G. Magyar Co. The company started out of his garage in 1947 and he was always proud to say that his first customer was Bing Crosby. Steve left his business to work for Mary and Robert Littlefield in building their Monterey Savings and Loan branch office at the former Jefferson Hotel in downtown Salinas. Always a quick thinker and great decision maker, Steve came up with an idea to get some customers in the door. He decided to raffle off an airplane, and the idea worked. He had traffic backed up for blocks in both directions as drivers stopped to look at the plane in the parking lot.

Involved throughout his community, Steve was able to make quite an impact. He also looked into public service through involvement in the State senate, but was defeated by someone I must admit I would have voted for, my father Fred Farr.

Today I extend my condolences to his wife Peggy, his two sons Rodger and Jeff, and cherish the memory of this great man.